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For the Year ending 31st March 1927

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THE DAVID SASSOON INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTION,

Bombay (Matunga), 21st September 1927.

To

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Poona.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith my report on the working of the above Institution for the year ended March 31, 1927.

Balance Sheet.—Income and Expenditure Account drawn up by Messrs. A. F. Ferguson & Co., Chartered Accountants, are enclosed and I shall thank you to arrange to have these printed along with the usual Income and Expenditure Account in the report. In my last report Rs. 2,186-8-6 under "collection outstandings doubtful," was shown on the assets side. As this amount has not been realised although the Committee have taken all possible steps in this direction, it has been written off as a bad debt.

From the Income and Expenditure Account prepared by us you will notice that the year's working showed a deficit of Rs. 5,873-11-8. This is mainly due to the heavy expenditure incurred by the Institution in meeting extraordinary expenses as has been explained in the body of the report under the heading of Finance.

Copies of Report.—I shall be obliged if you will send me 120 copies of the printed report for distribution in Bombay.

I have, etc.,

SIDNEY WOOD,
Officiating Chairman,

for E. J. BUNBURY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE DAVID SASSOON INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1927

(1) *Committee of Management.*—The following was the personnel of the Committee :—

Nominated by the Government

E. J. Bunbury, Esq., Chairman,

Hormusjee Jehangir Bhabha, Esq., M.A., D.Lit., C.I.E.

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., K.C.S.I.,

A. G. Gray, Esq.,

F. J. Page, Esq., O.B.E.,

Shariff Dewjee Canjee, Esq.,

H. P. Dastur, Esq., Bar.-at-Law, *ex-officio* as Chief Presidency Magistrate.

Appointed by the Sassoon Family

H. H. Sawyer, Esq.,

Sidney Wood, Esq.

Co-opted by the Committee

Ishwardas Lukhmidas, Esq.,

Lt.-Col. M. P. Kharegat, I.M.S. (Retd.).

The terms of membership of Mr. Ishwards Lukhmidas and Lt.-Col. M. P. Kharegat, having expired they were unanimously re-elected by the Managing Committee for a further period of three years.

Twelve ordinary meetings of the Committee were held during the year.

(2) *Accommodation and Buildings.*—The average number of the boys per month during the year was 338 against 342 in the previous year and the highest average in any one month was 345 as against 356 in 1925-26. The maximum number of boys for whom accommodation is available is 334.

The expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department on current repairs to the buildings during the year amounted to Rs. 4,790 and that on special repairs to Rs. 5,700.

The scheme for the conversion of our present basket system of latrines to water flush was sanctioned by the Government last year but the work was not started owing to some alterations suggested by the Presidency

Surgeon necessitating the revision of the whole scheme and its cost. The matter is now again before the Government and it is hoped that the work will be put in hand and completed during the current year.

(3) *The number of boys admitted.*—The number of boys admitted and discharged during the year are compared below with the figures for last year :—

	1925-26	1926-27
Total number of boys in the Institution on 1st April	321	354
Private Apprentices	3	*Nil*
Number admitted under Magistrates' orders ..	152	78
Absconded in 1925-26 and re-captured in 1926-27 ..	..	1
Private Apprentices admitted	4	8
Number discharged on expiry of sentence ..	38	42
Number discharged on recommendation of the Committee with the consent of the Magistrates.	68	46
Total number discharged..	106	88
Private Apprentices withdrawn	7	7
Number of boys absconded but not recaptured ..	7	*Nil*
Number of boys died in Hospital	3	1
Total number of boys in the Institution on 31st March	354	345

The total of 345 boys on 31st March 1927, in the Institution was made up of the following castes and creeds :—

	Number
Indian Christians	13
Hindus	144
Criminal and Hill tribes	13
Mahomedans	173
Parsis	2
Total ..	345

The ages of 78 boys sent by the Magistrates and admitted into the Institution during the year were :—

Number of boys	Ages
1	9 years.
4	10 „
8	11 „
25	12 „
19	13 „
18	14 „
3	15 „
78	

and their terms of apprenticeship were :—

Number of boys	Terms
1	1 year.
2	2 years.
19	3 „
20	4 „
32	5 „
2	6 „
2	7 „
78	

Comparing the above figures with those of the previous year, it will be observed that the average period of apprenticeship awarded by the Magistrates remains the same, *viz.*, 4·2 years.

In my last report I proposed that the ages of boys sent to our Institution be verified by our Medical Officer, owing to the fact that the class of people with whom we deal have no accurate idea of their own ages ; this has been carried out during the year under review and the verified ages are entered on the identity cards together with the ages mentioned in the warrants (where these differ), the former being taken for the purpose of our records.

The following comparative figures are of interest :—

	1925-26	1926-27
Average period of apprenticeship awarded	4·2 years.	4·2 years.
Average period of stay of boys discharged during the year ..	2 years, 9 months.	2 years, 8 months.
Longest period of stay	5·5	6·2
Shortest „ „	1 year.	1 year.
Average age of boys admitted ..	12·33	12·83

Appended to this report are two Statements F and G showing the offences for which boys have been committed.

The first statement (Appendix F) shows that out of 345 boys in the school on March 31, 1927, 170 were convicted of begging, 150 of theft, and 25 of offences such as disorderly behaviour, etc.

The number admitted into the Institution decreased from 152 to 78 and the number discharged from 106 to 88. Forty-six boys were discharged before the expiry of their periods on account of good conduct or because suitable employment had been secured for them. Four boys absconded during the year, 1 from Scout Camp, 2 from J. J. Hospital, and 1 from customer's bungalow all of whom were recaptured. One boy who absconded on 22nd November 1925 from the Mills, was recaptured on 28th November 1926.

(4) *Discipline* has been good and under the system of monitorship that has been introduced, a vast improvement has taken place in the boys' behaviour. The bullying element that had been prevalent in former years has to a very great extent disappeared. The punishment book shows a total number of 187 offences against 192 in the previous year. Of these the more serious cases consisted of homosexual offences 1, stealing 5, attempted escape 4; of the other offences the majority consisted of smoking, being in possession of bidis, tobacco, etc. and minor offences such as fighting.

(5) *Daily Routine.*—The daily time-table was slightly altered during the cold weather, the better to fit in with the hours of day-light. The time-table given below shows the daily programme :—

	Summer	Cold weather
	A.M.	A.M.
Rise	6-0	6-30
Conji	6-30 to 7	6-30 to 7-30
Drill	7-0 „ 8	7-30 „ 8-15
Classes and Workshops ..	8-0 „ 11	8-30 „ 11-30
	P.M.	P.M.
Bath and Meal	11-0 to 1-0	11-30 to 1-0
Classes and Workshops ..	1-0 „ 3	1-0 „ 3
Conjee	3-0 „ 3-30	3-0 „ 3-30
Classes and Workshops ..	3-30 „ 5	3-30 „ 5-0
Recreation	5-0 „ 6	5-0 „ 6
Dinner	6-0	6-0
Retire to Dormitories ..	7	7

Saturday afternoons, Sundays and Holidays are devoted to walks, excursions, etc. Regular cricket, hockey and foot-ball matches have been played with other schools and clubs.

(6) *Health.*—The general health of the boys was very good. There were no cases of mumps, typhoid or cholera as in the previous years. chicken-pox was contracted by about 25 boys employed in the mills. As soon as it was detected, prompt measures were taken by the Medical Officer to segregate the infected boys, thus preventing further spreading.

294 out-door and 90 in-door patients were treated as against 482 and 118 in the previous year.

The number of boys sent to outside hospitals was 22 of whom one died in the King Edward VII Memorial hospital of tubercular peritonitis after an operation.

During the year under report the cases of more serious illness (in addition to the 25 of the chicken pox mentioned above) comprised of 1 Congential syphillis, 6 Pneumonia, 2 Broncho pneumonia, 1 Pleurisy, 2 internal piles, 1 acute Eudocardilis, 1 T. B. Lymph gland, 1 simple stenosis small bowel and 1 otitis media.

Quinine was administered as a prophylactic measure against malaria from September 1926 to March 1927.

All new admissions were vaccinated against small-pox, isolated for 10 days, disinfected and given clean clothes before being allowed to mix with the rest of the school.

All boys were weighed regularly twice a month and their weights with other details recorded on the boys' identity cards; those found to be losing weight were placed on special diet and given cod liver oil.

Bathing parades were held three times a week under medical supervision. The introduction of cleaning the teeth with a mixture of charcoal powder and sodium chloride, followed by potash permanganate gargles before bathing has been found beneficial in keeping mouth, throat and teeth clean.

The Medical Officer and the Superintendent have been paying regular visits to the hospitals to see our boys who much appreciate their attention.

(7) *Industrial.*—The following handicrafts are taught at the Institution :—

(1) Carpentry.
(2) Blacksmith's and Fitter's work.
(3) Cane weaving.
(4) Painting and Polishing.
(5) Tailoring.
(6) Gardening.
(7) Cotton Spinning in a neighbouring mill.

Appendix E at the end of this report indicates the number of boys apprenticed to each particular workshop and Appendix B the particulars of jobs obtained by the boys discharged during the year.

The following figures give a good idea of the way the workshops have been employed during the year and the value of their production :—

	Rs.
All Shops excluding Tailor Shops—	
Value of articles made for customers	3,594
,, ,, ,, sale	1,050
,, ,, ,, dead stock of the Institution	591
	5,235
Tailoring Shop—	
Value of articles made for customers	299
,, ,, ,, the use of the Institution at the Contractor's rate ..	2,143
	2,442
Total All Shops ..	7,677

Garden Produce—

Value of vegetables produced for the consumption of the boys at the contractor's rate	..	1,874
		9,551

(8) *Education.*—All boys (except a few subnormal ones) are taught the three R's in the primary class, learning Gujerati, Marathi and Urdu. English is also taught side by side with the vernacular from Standard I onwards and special English classes are held for the benefit of English speaking Christian boys. Drawing forms a part of the curriculum and is co-related to the craft they learn, such as, carpentry, cane work, etc. 24 boys were sent up for the Elementary and Intermediate Examinations held in February and November 1926 of whom 16 passed.

In 1926 boys were prepared for the vernacular Standard IV Examination held by the Department of Public Instruction. The six boys who attended the Examination all passed, they being the first to do so in the history of the Institution. Real progress is in evidence as can be seen from the following table :—

Marathi Classes

		(3 Teachers) Morning	Afternoon	Total
Marathi Infant	.. ..	15	11	26
Do. I A	.. ..	5	19	24
Do. I B	.. ..	5	4	9
Do. II A	.. ..	22	22	44
Do. II B	.. ..	11	9	20
Do. III	.. ..	12	0	12
Do. IV	.. ..	5	0	5
		75	65	140

Gujerati Classes

		(2 Teachers)		
Gujerati Infant	.. ..	3	19	22
Do. I	.. ..	11	1	12
Do. II A	.. ..	11	7	18
Do. II B	.. ..	12	1	13
Do. III	.. ..	0	10	10
Do. IV	.. ..	4	1	5
		41	39	80

Special English Classes conducted by Gujerati Teacher

Primary	.. ..	1	2	3
Standard I	.. ..	0	4	4
Standard II	.. ..	1	0	1
		2	6	8

Urdu Classes

	(1 Teacher) Morning	Afternoon	Total
Standard Infant	13	19	32
Standard I	27	23	50
	40	42	82

In March 1926 a new Urdu class was started and as many as 82 boys have taken advantage of it, there being many more who wish to join the class. Arabic is also taught in the Urdu classes to enable Mahomedan boys to read the Koran.

The practice of giving short addresses morning and evening on moral, religious and historical subjects by the Superintendent and the masters has been continued.

The Hindoo and Mahomedan boys receive religious instruction from the Hindoo Pandit and Urdu Teacher while the Christian boys are visited by a Priest.

(9) *Recreation.*—Football, cricket, and hockey are the principal games played by the boys and the indian games are also encouraged. Boys are supplied with cards, draughts and other indoor games which are permitted in the dormitories up to 9 p.m.

The annual cricket and football fixtures with the Yeravda Reformatory boys had to be abandoned owing to the prevalence of influenza in Yeravda and instead 200 boys were taken to the Elephanta Caves for a day's outing under the supervision of Deputy Superintendent, head master and others. The boys evinced a keen interest and behaved very well throughout the excursion. Great importance is laid in giving the boys outings of this nature and parties are sent to Juhu, Victoria Gardens and other places of interest on all possible occasions. The boys are encouraged to write essays and draw sketches relating to what they have seen. On all occasions their behaviour has been excellent.

During the year 2 sets of swings, 1 see-saw and 1 horizontal bar have been added and these are in great demand.

Boxing.—Boxing is another new feature of the Institution. A class has been started under the guidance of Mr. F. Merchant, a Parsi Boxing Champion, who has very kindly devoted a great deal of his spare time to this work.

Sports.—The members of the Committee gave their annual Dewali treat to the boys in November 1926. Athletic Sports were held during the year and the winners of the various races were given sweets as prizes :—

6th June 1926	.. King's Birthday Sports.
22nd June 1926	.. Bakri-Id Sports.
3rd August 1926	.. Gokul Asthami Sports.
5th November 1926	.. Dewali Excursion to Elephanta Caves.
25th December 1926	.. X'mas sports.

(10) *Boy Scouts.*—The Bunbury Scout Troop which was started with 12 boys has since grown into a full troop and has been registered as 63rd Bombay Troop. It is a matter of great satisfaction that on the various occasions on which they have taken part in Rallies and Camp Fires during the year they have acquitted themselves creditably. It is pleasing to see how the spirit of Scout law is making itself felt in the school as a character building factor. Amongst the Troop's activities the following are of interest :—

(1) 4 displays were given by the scouts.
(2) 25 scouts passed the tender foot test.
(3) 14 scouts attended the Grand Camp Fire on 12th February 1926.
(4) The Troop attended the Scout Rally on 1st August 1926 and took an active part therein.

This feature reflects great credit upon Mr. Mehta, our Head-master, who is the Scout Master. He takes a very keen interest in the work and devotes much of his spare time to it.

(11) *Annual Prize Distribution.*—The Annual Prize Distribution took place on 18th March 1927 when His Excellency Lt.-Col. Right Honourable Sir Leslie Wilson, P.C., G.C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Governor of Bombay, graciously consented to preside and distribute the prizes. A noteworthy feature of this occasion was the Guard of Honour given to His Excellency by the "Bunbury Scout Troop." This year 35 old boys attended the Prize Distribution and were served with light refreshments. This is a pleasing evidence that the discharged boys have maintained their interest in the Institution.

(12) *Distinguished Visitors.*—Many distinguished persons visited the Institution during the year and recorded favourable comments in the Visitors' Book on the general working, management, and the boys. Among them may be mentioned the following :—

(1) His Excellency the Governor.
(2) Honourable Mr. J. E. B. Hotson.
(3) Miss Cybil Neville Rolfe of the British Social Hygiene Council.
(4) Mr. I. H. Taunton.
(5) Mr. G. W. Burley.
(6) Mr. J. E. Harker.
(7) Miss H. M. Green.
(8) Mr. K. L. Daboo.

The following remarks written in the "Visitors' Book" are of interest :—

His Excellency the Governor.— "For the third time since I came to Bombay, I had the opportunity of inspecting the Reformatory, seeing the boys at work and giving the prizes at the Annual Prize Distribution on the 18th instant. I was very pleased with everything I saw. There could be no doubt that the boys are well and happy. The system of giving the best boys responsibility is working excellently and the increasing number of old boys who attended the Prize Distribution speaks for itself."

" I sincerely congratulate Mr. Bunbury and his Committee and the Superintendent and staff on a very efficiently managed Institution which is doing a work of great value. "

Miss Cybil Neville Rolfe of the British Social Hygiene Council.— " I have been much impressed with the fine spirit in which this Institution is conducted, in the appreciation that has been shown at the importance of character training in adolesence, the opportunities of self expression given in the drawing and manual work and for recreation, in organised games, is equal to any modern Institution."

Mr. C. W. Burley.— " I have visited the Institution after a lapse of two and a half years and am pleased to say that the work of the Institution shows a distinct improvement in that time. I am greatly impressed by the enthusiasm of the Superintendent and teachers, and I am sure nothing but good can result from their work."

" I have been specially interested in the technical side of the work, and have to say that the work in all the practical departments is good and in some cases better than when I paid my last visit. I am pleased to note that suggestions that I made on my last visit have been put into execution. The Institution is in a high state of efficiency."

(13) *Finance.*—An abstract of receipt and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 1927 is shown in Appendix "A" annexed to this report. The year's working showed a deficit of Rs. 5,873-11-8 as against a surplus of Rs. 3,546 in the previous year. The result is due to the following causes :—

(1) Rs. 2,742 was paid by the Institution as tax on buildings to the Bombay Municipality.

(2) Rs. 1,200 gratuity paid to the wife of blacksmith maistry who died while in service.

(3) Rs. 920 paid to Messrs. A. F. Ferguson & Co. and Government Auditors.

(4) Rs. 690 paid as pension to retired servants of the Institution.

(5) Rs. 140 paid as mark money in excess of Government Grant.

(6) Rs. 157 paid for a filing cabinet.

(7) Rs. 192 expenses of chappals for the Boy Scouts.

Hitherto the tax amounting to Rs. 2,742 was paid by the Government but this year the Institution was asked to pay the amount and include it in the usual expenditure as also was the gratuity of Rs. 1,200 paid to the wife of blacksmith. The audit fees, pension, etc., were paid by the Institution and no specia lgrant was received from the Government. Rs. 3,546 excess of income over expenditure for 1925-26 was paid in March 1927 and is included in the year's expenditure. Further a sum of Rs. 2,050 has been paid by the Institution for the charges of extra rations supplied to the boys under the new scale of diet and this amount has not yet been reimbursed by the Government. The total sum of items 1 to 5 amounts to Rs. 5,692 plus Rs. 2,050 due to the Institution,

total Rs. 7,742 and if this amount had been paid by the Government there would have been an excess of receipt of Rs. 1,868 instead of a deficit of Rs. 5,874.

It may perhaps not be out of place here to explain the system on which the finance of the Institution is based. Originally the Institution was self contained and maintained from the income of the Sassoon Endowment and public charity. The school, however, rapidly outgrew its resources and Government in year 1857 took over the responsibility for the finance and arranged for its control by a Committee consisting of two members of the Sassoon family and six members and Chairman nominated by Government and two members co-opted by the Committee. A scale was laid down for the staff of the establishment and also a schedule of food and clothes for the boys. Government guaranteed to make good any deficit that there might be on any one year's working and any surplus payable to the Government.

The average cost per head during the year under review was Rs. 2ℰ5 as against Rs. 231 in the previous year. Of this the amount expended by the Government came to Rs. 204 per head as against Rs. 189 in the previous year (*vide* Appendix D). The increase is principally due to the extra charges put upon the Institution's finance such as Building Tax, etc., and to the inclusion in this year's figure of a sum of Rs. 2,050 on account of rations issued in 1926-27 but not paid for until 1927-28. The average cost has been arrived at after deducting the following items from the total figures of expenditure :—

(1) Private property of boys returned to them upon discharge.
(2) Deposits of tenderers returned to them.

(14) *Workshops Costing Accounts.*—The costing accounts that were introduced last year have been well maintained. A system of indents has been introduced by which an accurate account is kept of materials received, issued and consumed. All materials issued to the workshops are entered in an indent signed by the maistry in charge and countersigned by the Superintendent. The materials are then issued after which they are checked again with the ledger and the manufacturing costing book thus ensuring accuracy.

The result for the year of all shops including tailor shop after debiting a sum of Rs. 7,111 representing the salaries of the maistries is a loss of Rs. 5,100. As I mentioned last year we cannot view this loss from a strict commercial basis as the labour we employ is raw and our workshops are primarily to teach the boys some trade. Moreover, the sale of work decreased in comparison with 1925-26. These figures show, however, that the workshops have paid about one quarter of the cost of the technical training staff. My thanks are again due to Mr. F. J. Page for his great assistance in this branch of our work.

(15) *After Care.*—Details are given in the Appendix "B "of the employment obtained by the boys on discharge. Of the 88 boys discharged, 16 obtained employment direct from the Institution. 47 were sent to the Auxiliary Home, 2 sent to N. M. Mental Hospital, 1 joined another

school and 21 were taken by parents or relatives and left for their native places. Of the 44 boys sent to Auxiliary Home, 20 were found employment, and 23 were taken away by their parents or relatives. The Management of the Home by the Salvation Army authorities is very satisfactory indeed in every way and it is much appreciated by the discharged boys and I take this opportunity of thanking Ensign MacArthur and his staff for their valuable assistance.

The figures given below show the percentage of boys who after being taught any particular trade in this Institution actually take up that trade as a means of livelihood after discharge. It is very difficult to obtain accurate information on this subject and to keep in touch with our discharged boys, but these figures may be regarded as fairly accurate :—

Percentages—

Fitter	.. 56 per cent.
Spinning	.. 52 „ „
Carpentry	.. 44 „ „
Painting and Polishing.. ..	.. 43 „ „
Gardening	.. 38 „ „
Blacksmith	.. 35 „ „
Cane work	.. 22 „ „
Tailor	.. 19 „ „

(16) *Agriculture.*—Vegetable gardening forms an important occupation for a number of boys and affords a good training for some of the sub-normal boys. Available ground is brought into use and even the small plot outside the premises formerly used as a dumping ground is now turned into a garden. Different kinds of vegetables are grown and we hope that Government will grant us the use of the adjacent farm lands situate on the west and south in order to enable us to expand our agriculture activities. The adjoining plot belongs to Government and it is very desirable that we should be allowed to have the use of it in order to have sufficient space for expansion for purposes of the isolation of boys and agricultural training.

Bombay Children's Act.—In view of the bringing into force of this Act in conjunction with inauguration of the Children's Aid Society in May, Government have sanctioned our proposal to convert the recreation shed for use as a class room, thereby enabling us to provide additional dormitory accommodation for about 40 additional boys in the South block. This when completed will prove of great assistance to Government in working the said Children's Act, but with our numbers raised to 380 it is probable that no further increase is possible for both from an administrative as well as educational point of view, this number is as large as can be efficiently handled on our present site. Even this addition of 40 boys will probably necessitate an increase in the staff and my Committee have made it clear to Government that in the event of this being necessary, application will be made in due course to Government for requisite additional staff.

Staff.—Mr. Desai continued to hold the post of the Superintendent and discharged his duties to the complete satisfaction of the Committee. The continued improvement in the tone and spirit of the boys and the staff both at work and at play speaks volumes for the manner in which he performs his onerous task. In my last report I recorded that the school masters and maistries were taking a great interest in the boys' recreation and I have very much pleasure in recording that the progress in this direction continues. All the masters and the maistries contributed their share to the general advancement but the work of Mr. Mehta, the Head-master, who in addition to acting as a scout master has played a prominent part in organising games and sports, is worthy of special mention.

Mr. N. S. Nerurkar retired from the post of the Secretary in December 1926 and has been succeeded by Mr. E. Elisha, who combines with this office the office of the Deputy Superintendent. It is early yet to judge the result of this change but I can already testify to the better organisation of the office and books under Mr. Elisha's supervision.

Dr. R. A. Saldanah, Medical Officer, left the Institution to proceed to another post in May 1926 and has been succeeded by Dr. A. T. Mankody, who bids fare to become as useful a member of the staff as was his predecessor.

Dr. Saldanah served the Institution for four years. On behalf of the Committee I desire to record here their appreciation of the thorough manner in which he carried the multifarious duties attaching to the post.

The proposals for a Provident Fund for the members of the staff on retirement after long service are still before Government and as they have been agreed to by the Committee it is hoped that it will not be long before this long deferred scheme is put into operation.

Conclusion.—On behalf of Mr. Bunbury, the Chairman who is at present on leave, I desire to thank the members of the Committee for the valuable help given throughout the year.

SIDNEY WOOD,
Officiating Chairman,
David Sassoon Industrial and
Reformatory Institution.

THE DAVID SASSOON INDUSTRIAL

Balance Sheet as

LIABILITIES	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Sundry Creditors—		
Contractor, etc.	2,754 6 11	
Salaries and Wages unpaid	2,699 2 0	
Sundry Suppliers	804 0 9	
Deposits from Contractors	600 0 0	
Private property of boys	206 11 1	
Mark Money due to boys	1,776 15 6	
Maintenance charges from private Apprentices unexpired	115 0 0	
		8,956 4 3
Funds—		
David Sassoon & Co.'s Endowment Fund ..	30,000 0 0	
Lord Northcote Medal Fund	400 0 0	
Lame boy Maintenance Fund	200 0 0	
Colonel Lloyd Jones Medal Fund	525 0 0	
		31,125 0 0
Surplus—		
Balance on 31st March 1926	2,88,963 12 8	
Less—Payment to Government for the year 1925-26.	3,546 4 9	
	2,85,417 7 11	
Less—Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year 1926-27	1,713 10 6	
		2,83,703 13 5
Carried over ..	....	3,23,785 1 8

AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTION

at 31st March 1927

ASSETS		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Land—			
(Admeasuring 35,538 Sq. yards)		....	43,720 0 0
Building—	Rs. a. p.		
Cost to date	....	2,92,682 0 0	
Less—Depreciation written off in previous years ..	1,02,638 0 0		
Depreciation written off this year ..	7,517 0 0	1,10,155 0 0	
			1,82,527 0 0
Plant, Machinery and other Accessories in Workshops—			
	Rs. a. p.		
Cost to 31st March 1926 ..	....	6,024 0 5	
Add—Amount expended during the year ..	....	856 11 7	
		6,880 12 0	
Less—Cost of absolete articles written off and difference on Inventories ..	....	441 13 4	
		6,438 14 8	
Less—Depreciation written off previous years ..	3,112 8 5		
Depreciation on written off articles ..	243 0 0		
	2,869 8 5		
Depreciation written off this year	322 0 0	3,191 8 5	
			3,247 6 3
See-saw Installation—	Rs. a. p.		
Cost to date	....	1,134 0 0	
Less—Depreciation written off this year ..	....	56 12 0	1,077 4 0
Furniture, Fittings, Utensils, etc.—			
Cost to 31st March 1926 ..	....	4,155 9 1	
Add—Amount expended this year	....	1,049 6 6	
		5,204 15 7	
Less—Depreciation written off in previous years ..	2,140 9 1		
Depreciation written off this years	260 6 6	2,400 15 7	
			2,804 0 0
Stock—			
(At cost as per Inventories certified by the Secretary).			
Saleable Furniture		578 4 0	
Raw materials on hand		979 4 1	
School contingencies		1,304 6 6	
			2,861 14 7
Carried over ..		....	2,36,237 8 10

LIABILITIES—*contd.*	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Brought forward ..	....	3,23,785 1 8
Total ..	....	3,23,785 1 8

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ASSETS—*contd.*	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Brought forward ..	....	2,36,237 8 10
Work in Progress—		
At cost	.....	1,328 3 9
Collections Outstanding—		
From Government	8,688 6 7	
Contractor for supplies	289 1 0	
Ruby Mills	840 0 0	
Sundry Persons	262 12 0	
		10,080 3 7
Advances—		
Telephone Rent and Municipal Tax	....	2,892 0 0
Investments—		
Deposit with Government at 5 per cent. On account of David Sassoon & Co.'s Endowment Fund	30,000 0 0	
3½ per cent. G. P. Notes at face value ..	25,000 0 0	
3½ per cent. G. P. Notes at face value on account of Lord Northcote Medal Fund	400 0 0	
3½ per cent. G. P. Notes at face value on account of Lame Boy Maintenance Fund	200 0 0	
3½ per cent. G. P. Notes at face value deposited by a contractor	200 0 0	
Rs. 10,000 5 per cent. 1945-55 Government Loan at cost	9,993 12 0	
		65,793 12 0
Interest Accrued on Investments	....	617 11 0
Bank and Cash Balances—		
With the Imperial Bank of India on General Account.	1,968 4 9	
With the Imperial Bank of India Boys' Private Property Account	215 11 1	
With the Imperial Bank of India Recreation Fund Account	391 9 0	
With the Imperial Bank of India Garden Account	3,637 6 2	
Cash on hand on General Account	84 6 10	
Cash on hand on Garden Account	13 4 8	
6 per cent. Call Deposit with New Mofussil Co., Ltd., on account of Colonel Lloyd Jones Medal Fund	525 0 0	
		6,835 10 6
Total ..	....	3,23,785 1 8

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) A. F. FERGUSON & Co.
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

THE DAVID SASSOON INDUSTRIAL

Income and Expenditure Account for

Expenditure	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
To Boys' Maintenance charges		35,907 9 6
„ Establishment		32,286 11 10
„ Gratuity to Maistry		1,200 0 0
„ Rates and Taxes		4,034 10 0
„ Mark Money to boys		1,924 14 11
„ Lighting Expenses		2,248 6 5
„ Telephone Rent		175 0 0
„ Cash Prizes to boys		135 0 0
„ Book, Printing, Stationery, etc.		1,119 5 3
„ Postage		66 2 0
„ Conveyance		957 1 9
„ Audit Fees A. F. Ferguson and Co. ..		250 0 0
„ Charges for tinning utensils		151 2 6
„ Stores consumed for workshops		4,228 4 7
„ General charges		1,193 7 0
„ Clothing for peons, etc.		64 3 4
„ School contingent written off		15 14 0
„ Machinery, Workshops tools, etc., written off at cost	441 13 4	
„ Less Depreciation already provided ..	243 0 0	198 13 4
„ Depreciation written off on Building ..	7,517 0 0	
Plant Machinery, etc.	322 0 0	
Furniture and Fitting, etc.	260 6 6	
See-Saw Installation	56 12 0	8,156 2 6
„ Bad Debt written off		2,186 8 6
Total, Rupees..		96,502 15 5

Bombay, 18th August 1927.

AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTION

the year ending 31st March 1927

Income	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
By Government Grants—		
for rations	36,762 6 6	
„ Salaries and Wages..	31,741 0 10	
„ Gratuities to boys	710 0 0	
„ Drawing Grant-in-Aid	200 0 0	
„ Gratuity to Maistry	1,200 0 0	
		70,613 7 4
By Grant-in-Aid from the Schools Committee ..		1,325 0 0
„ Earning of boys for labour hired		10,080 0 0
„ Maintenance charges from Private apprentices .		865 0 0
„ Donations		196 0 0
„ Furniture and work shop materials sold and prepared		6,616 8 0
„ Tender forms		11 0 0
„ Interest on Endowment and other Investments		2,928 14 0
„ Prizes		136 0 0
„ Miscellaneous		345 4 0
„ Garden Account—Income	2,337 7 4	
„ Less Expenditure	665 3 9	1,672 3 7
„ Excess expenditure carried to Balance sheet ..		1,713 10 6
Total, Rupees..	....	96,502 15 5

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) A. F. FERGUSON & Co.,

Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

APPENDIX B

	Year ending 31st March 1927	Four years ending 31st March 1927
1. Total number discharged during	88	483
2. Number discharged taught Carpentry	5	44
3. „ „ „ Blacksmith's works ..	7	45
4. „ „ „ Fitter's work	11	42
5. „ „ „ Painting and Polishing ..	15	55
6. „ „ „ Spinning	28	177
7. „ „ „ Gardening	7	17
8. „ „ „ Cane weaving.. ..	6	65
9. „ „ „ Tailoring	9	16
10. „ „ „ Reading and Writing ..	..	16
11. „ „ „ not taught any trade (Mentally deficient) ..	..	6
12. „ in entry (2) occupied in Carpentry after leaving Institution	..	5
13. „ „ (3) occupied in blacksmith's work after leaving Institution ..	..	2
14. „ „ (4) occupied in fitter's work after leaving Institution	..	8
15. „ „ (5) occupied in painting after leaving Institution	1	7
16. „ „ (6) occupied in spinning after leaving Institution	1	36
17. „ „ (7) occupied in gardening after leaving Institution	2	6
18. „ „ (8) occupied in cane weaving after leaving Institution	..	4
19. „ „ (9) occupied in tailoring after leaving Institution	..	4
20. „ „ (10) occupied in clerical work after leaving Institution	..	..
21. „ occupied in business or trade not taught at the Institution (*i.e.*, peons, hawkers, hotel servants, etc.)	12	38
22. „ sent to the N. M. Mental Hospital (or invalids)	2	5
23. „ joined other schools	1	13
24. „ gone to sea	..	..
25. „ who have been re-convicted	1	3
26. „ left for their native places	21	27
27. „ whose whereabouts are not known ..	83	83
28. „ who have died	..	1
29. „ sent to Sheppard After-Care Auxiliary Home.	47	241

N.B.—In previous years' statistics the boys who were sent to the Auxiliary Home if subsequently employed were shown in this table under their particular employment heading. From 1925-26 boys sent to the Auxiliary Home are shown under item (29) only and a separate statement (Appendix C) is attached showing the number of boys who obtained employment from the Home.

APPENDIX C

Particulars of boys sent to Sheppard After-Care Auxiliary Home on discharge

	1925-26	1926-1927
Total number of boys sent to the Home	44	47
" " " " who left the Home	41	43
Number of boys who obtained employment as carpenters ..	..	..
" " " " " " as Blacksmiths ..	1	..
" " " " " " as Fitters ..	5	1
" " " " " " in the Mills ..	11	9
" " " " " " as Agriculturist ..	..	..
" " " " " " as Hotel servants.	5	2
" " " " " " as Domestic servants.	1	..
" " " " " " as Hospital attendants.	..	..
" " " " " " as Dock labourers.	3	1
" " " " " " as Painters ..	..	1
" " " " " " in Paper factory ..	..	2
" " " " " " in Day School ..	..	..
" " " " " " as Tram workers .	..	1
" " " " " " as Gardeners ..	..	..
" " " " " " as Hawkers ..	..	..
" " " " " " as Cinema attendants.	..	..
" " " " " " in Cane work ..	..	3
Taken by parents or relatives or not traced	15	23
Readmitted after leaving Home	3	14
Total number for whom employment was found	26	20
Maximum number of boys in Home at any one time ..	25	23
Average duration of stay in Home	45 days.	20 days.

APPENDIX D

Statement showing the average cost per head for the years 1925-26 and 1926-27

Year	Attendance		Expenditure		Average cost per head per annum	
	Number on the rolls on 31st March	Average monthly number during the year	Government Funds	All sources	To Government	Total
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1925-26 ..	354	342	64,771	79,276	189 6 3	231 12 9
1926-27 ..	345	338	69,027	96,372	204 3 7	285 2 0

APPENDIX E

Number of boys receiving instruction in various subjects as on 31st March 1927

Workshops or classes	Whole day boys	Half day boys
English Primer	....	....
Do. 1st	....	8
Do. 2nd	....	....
Do. 3rd	....	....
Marathi Infant—A	....	26
Do. do. B	....	....
Do. 1st	....	33
Do. 2nd	....	63
Do. 3rd	....	12
Do. 4th	3	2
Gujarati Infant	....	22
Do. 1st	....	12
Do. 2nd	....	31
Do. 3rd	....	11
Do. 4th	3	4
Urdu Infant	....	32
Do. 1st	....	50
Total ..	6	306
Blacksmith shop	1	18
Fitter shop	1	24
Carpenter shop	....	32
Cane shop	....	34
Paint shop	....	30
Tailoring shop	....	36
Gardening	7	43
Kitchen	1	17
Mill	....	100
Total ..	10	334

APPENDIX F

Statement showing the offences of 345 boys who were in this Institution on 31st March 1927

Nature of offences	Number of boys
Theft	65
Theft in a building	45
Begging	170
Criminal breach of trust	3
Theft as a servant	15
Loitering without being able to give any explanation	1
Disorderly behaviour in a public street	2
House breaking and theft	6
Being in possession of cocaine	1
Gambling	4
House trespassing	4
Theft and abetment	19
Returning to Bombay without the permission of Police Commissioner, Bombay	1
Possessing property believed to be stolen	8
Cheating	1
Total ..	345

APPENDIX G

Statement showing the offences of 78 boys sent by Presidency Magistrates during the year 1926-27

Nature of offences	Number of boys
Theft	28
Theft in a building	11
Theft as a servant	4
Receiving stolen property	5
Disorderly behaviour	1
Loitering	1
Begging	28
Total ..	78

Abstract Cash Account of the David Sassoon Industrial and

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Particulars	Securities and Deposits	Cash	
		Details	Total
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
To—Balance on 1st April 1926 as follows :—			
Cash in the Imperial Bank of India ..	....	8,256 2 1	
Cash with the Secretary	....	413 13 8	
			8,569 15 9
Face value of securities	68,025 0 0	....	
To—Amount received from the Accountant Gencral—			
On account of maintenance charges of boys, as per G. R., E. D., No. 1472 of 24th July 1903	....	36,196 15 7	
On account of Medical Officer's pay, allowance and pension contribution, as per G. R., F. D., No. 1735 of 20th April 1923	....	1,882 2 5	
On account of pay of establishment, as per G. R., E. D., No. 376, dated 24th March 1922	....	30,037 9 5	
On account of payment of gratuities to boys, as per G. R., F. D., No. 2281 of 13th June 1918	....	710 0 0	
On account of Drawing grant-in-aid received from the Schools Committee .	....	200 0 0	69,026 11 5
On account of grant-in-aid to the school.	....	....	1,325 0 0
To—Interest—			
Received from the Accountant General on account of interest on the Sassoon Endowment Fund	....	1,500 0 0	
Received on account of interest on Government Promissory note belonging to the Institution	....	1,391 7 0	
Received on account of interest on Government Promissory notes belonging to the contractor ..	....	5 15 0	
Received on account of interest on the Fixed Deposit with the New Mofussil Co.	....	31 8 0	
			2,928 14 0
To—Fees and Compensation—			
Received on account of maintenance charges of boys, admitted as Private Apprentices	....	....	980 0 0
To—Earning of boys hired out—			
Received from the Manager, Ruby Mills.	....	....	10,080 0 0
To—Sale of manufactured articles of work-shops	....	....	5,088 10 0
To—Deposits—			
Received from the tenderers as deposit of their tenders for supply of rations and clothing	....	....	200 0 0
Received on account of private property of boys admitted into the Institution .	....	....	144 4 7
Received from the sale of tender forms..	....	....	11 0 0
Carried forward ..	68,025 0 0	....	98,354 7 9

Reformatory Institution, Matunga, for the year 1926-27

EXPENDITURE

Particulars	Securities and Deposits	Cash	
		Details	Total
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
By—Establishment charges—			
Amount paid on account of pay of the Establishment	....	30,140 12 5	
By—Medical Officer's pay and allowance ..	....	1,478 8 0	
Public Debt Office on account of Medical Officer's Pension contribution ..	....	403 10 5	
			32,022 14 10
By—Maintenance charges—			
Amount paid on account of rations supplied to boys sent by Presidency Magistrates	....	....	35,204 15 9
Amount paid on account of maintenance charges of private apprentices ..	....	174 5 9	
Amount paid on account of clothing supplied to the boys sent by the Presidency Magistrates	....	1,977 3 6	
Amount paid on account of special diet supplied to sick boys	....	34 7 3	
			2,186 0 6
By—Rates and Taxes—			
Amount paid to Bombay Municipality on account of Halalkhore ond Water Tax.	....	4,166 8 0	
Amount paid to Bombay Municipality on account of tax on the buildings ..	....	2,742 0 0	
			6,908 8 0
By—Workshops—Purchase of Stores—			
Purchase of material for workshops ..	....	....	4,614 2 9
By—Payment of mark money to the boys discharged from the Institution ..	....	....	851 6 0
By—Amount of private property returned to the boys discharged from the Institution	....	....	190 14 0
By—Deposits of tenderers returned ..	....	....	400 0 0
By—Gas lighting charges	....	....	1,826 15 11
By—Rent of the Telephone ..	....	....	175 0 0
By—Purchase of peons' clothing ..	....	....	213 14 0
Purchase of Books and Stationery ..	....	....	1,062 2 9
Printing and Advertising charges ..	....	....	62 0 0
Stamp charges	....	....	66 2 0
Cash Prizes to boys on the Prize Distribution day	....	....	135 0 0
Purchase of umbrellas for peon staff ..	....	....	43 5 4
Charges of tinning, cooking utensils ..	....	....	151 2 6
Purchase of Phynile and disinfectant ..	....	....	210 0 0
Purchase of Kerosene oil	....	....	412 5 0
Purchase of anti-vaccine and medicines .	....	....	125 13 0
Drawing Examination fees	....	....	29 0 0
Audit fees paid to the Examiner Outside for auditing the accounts of the Institution	....	....	420 0 0
Fees paid to Messrs. A. F. Fergusson and Company for auditing and preparing Balance sheet for two years ..	....	....	500 0 0
Carried forward ..	....	....	....

Abstract Cash Account of the David Sassoon Industrial and

RECEIPTS—*contd.*

Particulars	Securities and Deposits	Cash	
		Details	Total
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Brought forward ..	68,025 0 0	....	98,354 7 9
To—Donations—			
Received from His Excellency the Governor	....	150 0 0	
Received from Mr. Mulji Ranchod ..	....	11 0 0	
Received from Abdul A. Sulemanji ..	....	10 0 0	
Received Anonymous	....	25 0 0	
To—Prizes—			196 0 0
Received from His Excellency the Governor	....	50 0 0	
Received the Trustees of the Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney S. Fund ..	....	59 0 0	
Received from the Chairman ..	....	14 0 0	
Received from the Garden Fund ..	....	13 0 0	
			136 0 0
To—Miscellaneous—			
Advances cooly hire, delivery charges ..	....	....	218 0 0
Sale of old clothing	....	....	25 0 0
Sale of old tins	....	....	6 8 0
Sale of Bhussa (old chaff)	....	....	79 6 0
Received from the Superintendent ..	....	....	....
Auxiliary Home on account of mark money of a boy who was reconvicted and sent to this Institution ..	....	.....	9 0 0
Money found in possession of boys in the Institution forfeited and credited to the Institution's Fund	....	....	7 6 0
Total ..	68,025 0 0	....	99,031 11 9

* Details of Securities and Deposits:—

	Rs.
Amount of Endowment of Messrs. David Sassoon and Company, bearing interest at 5 per cent., deposited with the Accountant-General ..	30,000
Government Promissory Notes, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., being Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney Endowment of Rs. 1,000 for Scholarships and rewards *plus* accumulated interest, deposited with the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay	1,700
Government Promissory Note, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., bought from Lord Northcote Medal Fund, deposited with the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay	400
Government Promissory Note, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., bought from the funds of the Institution, deposited with the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay	25,000
Government Promissory Note, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., bought from the amount collected for the maintenance of a lame boy of the Institution deposited with the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay	200
Government Promissory Note, bearing interest at 3½ per cent., being the deposit of a contractor, deposited with the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay	200
Government Promissory Note, bearing interest at 5 per cent., bought from the fund of the Institution, deposited with the Imperial Bank of Bombay.	10,000
Deposit at call bearing interest at 6 per cent., being the amount collected for Colonel Lloyd Jones Medal Fund, deposited with the New Mofussil Co., Ltd., Bombay	525
Total ..	68,025

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Reformatory Institutions, Matunga, for the year 1926-27

EXPENDITURE—*contd.*

Particulars	Securities and Deposits	Cash	
		Details	Total
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Brought forward ..	....	....	....
Pension paid to the retired servants of the Institution	.....	.....	690 0 0
Purchase of Dead Stock and tools for the Workshops	....	....	1,328 1 3
Conveyance charges	....	....	957 1 9
Gratuity paid to the widow of old Blacksmith Maistry of the Institution ..	....	.....	1,200 0 0
Contingent charges	....	....	838 10 0
By—Amount paid into the Imperial Bank of India, on account of excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to the credit of Government ..	....	....	3,546 4 9
By—Balance at 31st March 1927—			
Cash with the Imperial Bank of India ..	....	2,575 8 10	
Cash with the Secretary	....	80 15 7	
Cash with the Superintendent ..	....	3 7 3	
			2,659 15 8
Face value of Securities as per details at the foot* of this Account ..	68,025 0 0	....	....
Total ..	68,025 0 0	....	99,031 11 9

E. ELISHA,
Secretary.

(Signed) SIDNEYWOOD,
Officiating Chairman.

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